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PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE CIA

MR. LINDSEY. Mr. Speaker, the growing press reports to the effect that there has been a breakdown of relations, even of communication, between the State Department and the CIA in South Vietnam can no longer be ignored. It is bad enough that U.S. policy in this part of the world can, at best, be described as "misunderstood"--and therefore clumsy--but when clumsy policy is divided up between quarrelling U.S. agencies it is even worse. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. Rogers) has just referred to an additional press report of the divisions, disagreements, and breakdowns in communication between the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency in South Vietnam. Now if these reports are right, we should not be sitting still. If they are wrong, they should be exposed as false and the record set straight. In any event it seems plain that there have been leaks from one agency or the other or both.

Eighteen Members of the House of Representatives, I among them, have introduced resolutions calling for the creation of a Joint Committee to supervise the intelligence community. At least two Members of the other body have introduced identical resolutions. A few weeks ago I spoke for an hour on the floor on this subject. I think we Members of the House would not be living up to our obligations as legislators were we to ignore this question.

Recently Hanson Baldwin, distinguished journalist and expert on military and security affairs--a person who individually believes in executive control in matters of this kind--has written a second major article on the U.S. intelligence community and has again pointed to the absence of congressional supervision over this giant, billion-dollar complex.